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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: VISIT OF HUNGARIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE TO U.S.

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1. RE PARA D, REFTEL A, CHARGE TOOK OCCASION OF SZITA'S DINNER FOR GOROG SEPT 23 TO ASK DEPUTY FONMIN NAGY ABOUT MAIN OBJECTIVES OF ROMANY VISIT TO U.S. DOES HE HAVE ANY SPECIAL INTERESTS? IS THERE ANYTHING PARICULAR HE WISHED TO ACCOMPLISH? NAGY REPLIED THAT ROMANY IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN CATTLE BREEDING AND MILK PRODUCTION, AND WILL EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION IN T-H EXCHANGE PROGRAM (BUDAPEST 3023). HE SAID HE ALSO HOPED TO BE ABLE TO SIGN A PLANT AND ANIMAL PROTECTION COOPERATION AGREEMENT (BUDAPEST 3231).

2. ON LATTER POINT CHARGE REMARKED TO NAGY THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL WAS RATHER BROAD AND THAT IN ITS PRESENT FORM IT CLASHED WITH SOME EXISTING U.S. LAWS. CHARGE SAID HE DID NOT HAVE ALL DETAILS RE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN GOH DRAFT BUT EXPECTED TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION BEFORE ROMANY'S
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DEPARTURE ON SUNDAY MORNING. HE ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT

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SOMETHING COULD BE WORKED OUT IN ANIMAL HEALTH FIELD
DURING ROMANY VISIT TO WASHINGTON. NAGY SAID HE HOPED SO.

3. EARLIER ON SEPT 23 DURING GOROG'S CALL ON DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER SZEKER, IT CLEARLY EMERGED THAT PRIME
MOVER BEHIND DECISION TO HAVE ROMANY ACCEPT SECRETARY
BUTZ'S INVITATION TO VISIT U.S. AT THIS TIME IS SZEKER.
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID HE HAD "ENCOURAGED" ROMANY
TO VISIT U.S. NOW AND HAD TOLD HIM NOT ONLY TO "LOOK
AROUND" BUT TO ASK ALL QUESTIONS HE COULD THINK OF.
HE OPINED THAT THERE ARE MANY MORE AREAS FOR HUNGARIAN-
AMERICAN COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD AND THAT GOH
IS ANXIOUS TO SEE WHAT MORE CAN BE DONE.

4. COMMENT: WE TAKE THIS AS CONFIRMATION OF VIEW
EXPRESSED IN REFTEL C THAT FOMANY'S STANDING IN PARTY
AND GOVERNMENT IS SOLID. HE CLEARLY HAS CONFIDENCE
OF SZEKER WHO IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVEMENT IN GOH
RELATIONS WITH U.S.
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